

29 August 1973

NOTE FOR: Mr. Colby

SUBJECT : Bills Discussed with Jim Woolsey, 27 August 1973

S. 1935 (Proxmire bill)--Woolsey had no problem with a draft proposed report which we will be sending you. The bill, by requiring prior approval of covert actions and certain domestic activities (police, law-enforcement, internal-security assistance to any Federal, state, or local government) by CIA oversight committees, raises a constitutional issue. Politically, Woolsey recommended that we place the onus on OMB for raising this point, and we have redrafted our report to reflect this recommendation.

S. 1547 (Humphrey bill)--which establishes a Joint Committee to oversee NSC activities, including those of CIA. Woolsey had no problem with our proposed report which is enroute to you for signature and then transmittal to OMB for clearance.

S. Con. Res. 23 (Hathaway bill)--which establishes a Joint Committee on Information and Intelligence. Woolsey had no problem with this report which has already been signed by you, cleared by OMB, and will be delivered to Senate Armed Services Committee today.

S. 2321 (Cranston bill)-- this bill was not discussed with Woolsey. The request for our comments was received after Congress recessed. We are formulating a position which we will be presenting to you shortly. In brief, the bill requires Presidential direction in writing for activities under section 102(d)(5), "related to intelligence."; fixes an eight-year term for the DCI (running from date of enactment for incumbent); precludes both DCI and DDCI from the ranks of Agency employment during five years preceding consideration for appointment and both being commissioned officers.